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SUBJECT: GROC FY 1975 BUDGET

REF: TAIPEI 2340

1. SUMMARY: EMBASSY HAS OBTAINED OFFICIALLY THE UNCLASSIFIED PORTION OF FY 1975 GROC BUDGET. EXAMINATION REVEALS THAT REVISION OF CERTAIN DATA CONTAINED REFTEL IS NECESSARY. DEFENSE SPENDING REPRESENTS ABOUT 56 PERCENT OF TAOTAL BUDGET INSTEAD OF 63 1/2 AS RRPORTED EARLIER. END SUMMARY.

2. AS NOTED IN PARA 5 REFTEL, INFORMATION TRANSMITTED THAT MESSAGE WAS BASED ON PRESS REPORTS. EMBASSY HAS NOW RECEIVED TEXT OF UNCLASSIFIED PORTION OF FY 1975 BUDGET FROM WHICH IT HAS BEEN LEARNED THAT PRESS REPORTS OF PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION OF BUDGET TO VARIOUS FUNCTIONAL CATEGORIES WERE NOT BASED ON TOTAL BUDGET OF NT\$76,250

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MILLION (US\$2,006 MILLION) BUT ON SO-CALLED "GENUINE

BUDGET" WHICH IS TOTAL BUDGET MINUS DEBT REPAYMENT AND CARRYOVER FROM PREVIOUS FY BUDGET. THIS BUDGET AMOUNTS TO NT\$69,446 MILLION.

3. BASED ON NEW INFORMATION, FOLLOWING TABLE SHOULD REPLACE TABLE CONTAINED PARA 5 REFTEL:

	NT \$ MILLION	PERCENT OF GENUINE BUDGET	PERCENT OF TOTAL BUDGET
A. DEFENSE AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS			
	32,014	46.1	41.9
B. ECONOMIC RECONSTRUCTION			
	9,103	13.1	11.9
C. SOCIAL WELFARE			
	8,280	11.9	10.9
D. SUBSIDIES TO LOWER GOVERNMENT			
	4,340	6.2	5.7
E. EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND CULTURE			
	3,844	5.5	5.0

4. THE BUDGET RECEIVED BY THE EMBASSY DOES NOT CONTAIN BUDGET ALLOCATIONS FOR MINISTRY OF NATIONAL DEFENSE, FOREIGN AFFAIRS OR ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION. WHILE IT IS DIFFICULT AND HAZARDOUS TO ATTEMPT TO CONSTRUCT ENTIRE BUDGET ON BASIS INCOMPLETE INFORMATION, IT SEEMS LIKELY, ON BASIS OF UNCLASSIFIED DOCUMENT, THAT DEFENSE EXPENDITURES WILL NOT REPRESENT AS HIGH A PROPORTION OF TOTAL BUDGET AS ANTICIPATED. FIGURE SHOS\$ 049?ABLY BE IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD OF 56 PERCENT OF TOTAL BUDGET, NOT 63.5 PERCENT AS MENTIONED REFTEL, WHICH WOULD REPRESENT ONLY 8.3 OF ANTICIPATED GNP INSTEAD OF 9.4PERCNET. THUS, DEFENSE SPENDING AS PERCENT OF GNP MAY BE LESS IN FY 1975 THAT IN FY 1974 WHEN IT WAS 8.8. WE URGE CAUTION IN USING THESE FIGURES, HOWEVER UNTIL IT CAN BE DETERMINED WHETHER SUCH THINGS AS SALARY INCREASES HAVE BEEN INCLUDED IN FUNCTIONAL CATEGORIES.

5. OTHER INFORMATION CONTAINED REFTEL, ON REVENUES, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DEFICIT, SALARY INCREASES, AND COMMENT SECTION, REMAINS VALID.

6. COMMENT: DECISION NOT TO DISCUSS PUBLICLY DEFENSE AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS PORTIONS OF BUDGET WILL LEAVE LARGE GAPS IN INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO PUBLIC. MEANINGFUL ANALYSIS OBVIOUSLY MUST AWAIT AVAILABILITY FULL BUDGET. GLEYSTEN

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